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PEACEFUL RESOLUTION AEGEAN DISPUTE GIVEN

PROMINENT PLAY BY GREEK NEWSPAPERS

1. ALL SIX GREEK-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS APR 5 REPORTED PROMINENTLY A RECENT TURKISH DEFENSE MINISTER'S STATEMENT (AS BROADCAST BY ANKARA RADIO APR 4) URGING PEACEFUL RESOLUTION AEGEAN TERRITORIAL WATERS DISPUTE. FIVE OF SIX GREEK-LANGUAGE DAILIES GAVE FRONTPAGE POSITION TO REPORT, WHILE AFTERNOON ESTIA GAVE SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE ON FIRST INSIDE PAGE. HEADLINES GENERALLY STRESSED FACT THAT TURKEY SEEKING RESOLVE GOG-GOT DISPUTE THROUGH MUTUAL DISCUSSIONS. IN ADDITION, BOTH ENGLIY-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS SAME DATE (I.E. ATHENS NEWS AND ATHENS DAILY POST) GRANTED FRONTPAGE TREATMENT TO TURKISH MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

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2. COMMENT: FACT THAT ALL GREEK-LANGUAGE JOURNALS
AFFORDED STORY SUCH PROMINENT PLACEMENT--WITHOUT
PROVOCATIVE COMMENTARY--COULD INDICATE GOG, WHICH
EFFECTIVELY CONTROLS PRESS, IS ANXIOUS TO LOWER LEVEL OF
HEAT GENERATED BY PRIOR COVERAGE AEGEAN DISPUTE
(BY BOTH SIDES) AND TO TAMP DOWN ANXIETIES THAT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN AROUSED IN GREEK PUBLIC AS RESULT OF JINGOISTIC
OVERTONES THESE EARLIER NEWS STORIES.
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